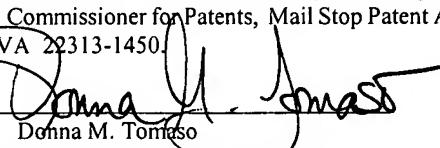


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Enclosed herewith is a new patent application and the following papers:

Inventors (or application identifier): **Michael A. Aveni**

Title of Invention: **FOOTWEAR WITH A HEEL PLATE ASSEMBLY**

1. Specification 32 pages (including specification, claims, abstract) / 47 claims (5 independent)
2. Declaration/Power of Attorney is:
 - attached in the regular manner.
 - NOT included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).
3. This Application has 5 distinct sheets of Formal Informal Drawings
4. Preliminary Amendment.
5. Information Disclosure Statement
 - Form 1449
 - A copy of each cited prior art reference
6. Assignment with Cover Sheet.
7. Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following application(s) (provisional and foreign applications):

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8. Priority document(s).

9. Small Entity Status is being hereby claimed.

10. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission.

- Computer Readable Copy.
- Paper Copy (identical to computer copy).
- Statement verifying identity of above copies.

11. Calculation of Fees:

FEES FOR	EXCESS CLAIMS	FEE	AMOUNT DUE
Basic Filing Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))			\$770.00
Total Claims in Excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	27	18.00	\$486.00
Independent Claims in Excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	2	86.00	\$172.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))	0	290.00	\$0.00
Subtotal - Filing Fee Due			\$1,428.00
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Reduction by 50%, if Small Entity (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)	0.50		\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE DUE			\$1,428.00
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12. PAYMENT is:

The Commissioner is authorized to debit the instant filing fee, in the amount of \$_____, and any other fees during the pendency of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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14. Other: Application Data Sheet (3 pages) and Return Postcard.

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